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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 140-81

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE CLASSIFICATION OF REFUGEE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS

REFERENCE:

This notice is to inform you of a change regarding the assistance classification of refugee food stamp households. With the substitution of the more comprehensive Refugee Resettlement Program (July 1, 1981) for the Indochinese Refugee Assistance Program, refugee status is no longer a determining factor in classifying the household for food stamp reporting. Any food stamp household in which all members (including any refugee members) are included in a federally aided AFDC grant should be classified as public assistance. All other food stamp households should be classified as non-assistance.

These new regulations supercede the recent DFA 296 county training instructions (April - May, 1981) which stated that any food stamp household containing one or more refugee members who had been in the United States for less than three years was to be classified as non-assistance. If all members of such a household are included in a federally aided AFDC grant, it is to be classified as public assistance.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Norman Cubanski at (916) 323-2334 or ATSS 473-2334.

Sincerely,

Deputy Director

Administration Division